



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RIED *et al.*

Serial No.: **09/937,864**

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For: **"METHODS FOR DETECTING
CANCER CELLS"**

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) Confirmation No: **8947**

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) Group Art Unit: **1642**

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) Examiner: **Yu, Misook**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003, designated as Paper No. 17 in the above-captioned application, please amend the above-referenced application as indicated.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.